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Timely Tidbits ...

Pumpkin Fest 2003

The annual Festival of Lights Parade and Romulus Pumpkin Festival – held the weekend of September 19–21 – was bigger and better than ever. For story, see page 4; festival photos, page 5; and parade pix, page 12.

Baby Shower Aids Less Fortunate

In recognition of National Make-A-Difference Day, students from Romulus High School's parenting classes and Romulus Middle School's life management classes will host a citywide baby shower to benefit the Romulus Helping Hand, an agency that provides for needy newborns.

The event – which will feature refreshments, door prizes, games, and educational materials – will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 25, in the cafeteria at the High School (9650 South Wayne Road, north of I-94). A donation of one new, unwrapped baby item is the "price" of admission.

To make a reservation, call Phyllis Wilkerson at the High School (734-532-1824) or Betty Santo at the Middle School (532-1824).

New Swim Schedule

Now through December 23, "open swimming" sessions will be held at the Romulus High School pool complex according to the following schedule:

- Monday, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- Friday, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. (2 sessions).

Admission is $3 per session for residents; $4 for nonresidents. Seniors receive a $1 discount. Individual, senior-citizen, and family passes are also available.

Proper swimming attire (lined bathing suits; no shorts of cutoffs) is required. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult; young children may be required to have direct (in-water) supervision by a responsible adult. Proof of age and residency are required. For more information, call 734-532-1950. ❑

RHS Eagles Win Homecoming Game

King Ron Coleman and Queen Shaepree Lee

Romulus High School's 2003 Homecoming game – held on Friday, September 26 – was once again a big success. More than 2,000 fans enjoyed a 51–14 Eagles victory over Crestwood High School in a game played on the high-quality artificial turf recently installed at Romulus Middle School's Carl W. Morris field.

Halftime ceremonies included the crowning of seniors Ron Coleman and Shaepree Lee as Homecoming King and Queen. Also honored were Homecoming Court members Darnell Anderson, James Davis, Joseph Goroni, Terry Harper, and Henry Wiggins (gentlemen), as well as Toni Gibson, Stephanie Gurner, LaJoya Orr, Lynsie Ransaw, Cilia Sanchez, and Rebecca Thornton (ladies). Aaron McCarthy and Paris Hawkins were Prince and Princess of the junior class; Megan Whalen was the sophomore class Princess; and Joe Lewis and Aleshia Wyatt were the freshmen Prince and Princess.

With their "Captain America" entry, the sophomores won the annual Float Competition. The highly coveted Spirit Jug was captured by the freshmen class.

Winding up Homecoming Week was the annual dance, held at Romulus High School on Saturday, September 27. RHS principal Dan Hurst said he was pleased with "the overall spirit, enthusiasm, and good citizenship" demonstrated by his students, and thanked the community for its enthusiastic support and attendance at the game. *(For more photos, see the pullout section on pages 7–10).* ❑

Metro World PDA Gets First-vote Approval

By Kristi Stephens

The Romulus City Council has given its first-reading approval to a Planned Development Area (PDA) for the long-awaited Metro World Centre.

The agreement, which outlines the development of 556 acres of land west of Vining between I-94 and Ecorse Road, received unanimous support at the September 22 Council meeting.

Before the vote, Councilwoman Debbie Romak attempted to clear up some lingering suspicions that approval of the PDA was tantamount to approving gaming in Romulus. She asked Brad Strader, City planning consultant for the Metro World project, to address the issue.

"I think it's correct ... that the question of casinos is really separate from the PDA," said Strader, who reminded listeners that he was speaking as a planner, not an attorney. "I think the important factor here is that the underlying zoning on this property is Regional Commercial, and Regional Commercial [already] allows ... indoor entertainment, indoor recreation. So, the current zoning and the PDA really don't change the equation as to whether or not casinos are allowed. It's not addressed. They're not expressly permitted or prohibited in the current zoning or the PDA.

"... You're not really changing the events under which a casino could or could not happen," he continued. "So, I think you're not doing anything to take [away] the public's right to have a referendum or to give Council input.

"When this issue came up with ... the City's special counsel on this, he said the same thing: 'A casino is a separate item from the PDA,'" Strader concluded.

Council Rescinds Resolution on HR 2793

Another vote taken during the September 22 Council meeting rescinded a September 8 resolution regarding U.S. Congressman John D. Dingell's HR 2793. If passed, the bill – currently in committee – would permit the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa to purchase land in Romulus and use it for casino gaming.

Council's earlier resolution called for Dingell to refrain from pushing his bill forward until Romulus citizens had been given an opportunity to vote on the issue. It was passed unanimously.

During the September 22 meeting, however, Councilman Bill Wadsworth called for his colleagues to reverse their decision.

"This past Council meeting," said Wadsworth, "we passed two resolutions. ... One of the resolutions was to let the people vote on what appears to be becoming two controversial processes: number one, the racetrack, and number two, the casino. ... And I'm very much in favor of that – to let the people speak on what's gonna happen – because if the folks vote and tell us that they want a casino or racetrack, then I'm sure that we're going to work to bring it to them. If the folks vote to not have a casino or a racetrack ... well then, as far as this councilman is concerned, that's gonna be the end of it, and it will be a dead issue.

"But there was a second resolution passed that night ... that I would like to ... have rescinded," he added.

Wadsworth said his request for a vote to rescind the second resolution was based on his desire to be impartial.

"We have to look at these projects and we have to be fair," he explained. "... There's also a bill in [front of] the State of Michigan that would bring slot machines into racetracks ... yet this body did not pass a motion that night to have that bill stopped.

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Letter to the Editor

Romulus Citizen Urges Fellow Residents, "Keep Your Eyes on Our City"

To the Editor:

First of all, I would like to thank all of the people who circulated or signed petitions calling for an election on casino gambling and the horse racetrack. We were successful. This is the voice of our community.

Regarding other matters ...

It was appalling what Councilman Michael Prybyla did to Pastor Arthur Willis at the September 22 council meeting. Pastor Willis was told where he was to speak on the agenda. This would not have been the first time someone spoke on an agenda item. Shame on you.

Now, for what Councilman William Wadsworth did with his motion to rescind the resolution made at the council meeting of September 8. Councilwoman Debbie Romak made the resolution to ask Congressman John Dingell to halt further action on HR 2793 (which would permit Indian gaming in Romulus) until our citizens have had a chance to vote on the issue.

Mr. Wadsworth is now just as guilty as Congressman Dingell of trying to circumvent our citizens' *right of choice.*

If I am wrong, then just what is his motive? Maybe a promise from the Indians for the animal shelter that he wants so bad. Mr. Wadsworth is so sure that the Indians and Congressman Dingell wouldn't do anything to hurt our residents. Just how does he know that? Is he having behind-closed-doors meetings with them? His actions let down his many supporters who thought he was for the best interests of the citizens.

It is interesting that, all of a sudden, everyone wants the citizens' input. They never thought we would get our signatures for one thing, and they had yet another hidden agenda: Mr. Wadsworth's motion.

Yes, they have to give us a referendum because we met all the requirements, but will our vote be too late?

Nothing is stopping Mr. Ecclestone from selling his property to the Indians. Once the Indians own the land, it becomes a sovereign nation. Exempted from all property tax, they can build anything they want. They rule their land. Gas stations – no tax; clothing stores (Indian style) – no tax; car dealerships – no tax. The list is endless. And they can sell liquor to minors, too, because they have no age limit for drinking.

At the September 22 council meeting, I did have a chance to apologize to those I had told that there wasn't a tax on cigarettes. I was wrong. This tax is federally regulated by Michigan law.

When Council chairman Randolph Gear is afraid of what might be said or what he doesn't want to hear, he imposes his three-minute rule. Of course, it doesn't apply to everyone.

I fully understand that everyone has freedom of speech, but when he allows people who don't even live in Romulus more time than its residents, he is totally out of order. (He was also quite out of control on September 22.)

This little charade of people going to the microphone was a joke. Not a one of them would have been there if not told to come. How stupid do you think this community is? Your little party was just like looking through glass. The credibility of the speakers was also a joke. The man from RJ's Party Store said he lives in his store in Romulus. Sorry, he lives in Allen Park.

What is wrong with this city? Every time we have a meeting for information for our residents, the chambers are full of out-of-city people. Who cares what they think? They don't live here or pay taxes here. Those who pay taxes on a business in this city are more than getting their money back.

Every week, the lack of leadership in Romulus is becoming more visible. The power struggle between the City Council and the Administration has created the atmosphere of a circus. They sit and brag about their years up there and how they are all for this city.

No council person in his/her right mind can possibly think that what is happening here is in the best interests of this city or its citizens.

Let's get it straight: Romulus definitely needs something on that land. It must be the right something.

Are you afraid that when you retire and leave City Council, or get voted off, someone else will come up with a plan that really makes sense, and you will be left out? There are many residents of this city who can hardly wait for 2005. We will then have our own decisions.

Just like with the deep well, we are being forced into yet another project that we do not want. The promises of all these jobs and all the money this city will make is a farce.

More promises – and everyone knows by now that we can't live on promises and maybes.

Congressman Dingell's own community of Monroe did not want this project, so let's give it to naive Romulus. They are so hungry for something on the best parcel of land they have, they will fall for anything. Pay attention to what is happening in Detroit: the Indians owe money to the people they bought from. Wake up!

These petitions speak for the people, including many who live near and will be most affected by these two projects: the residents of the subdivision on Wick Road.

It could be a verbal battle back and forth each week at City Council meetings – those for and those against. What a waste. Those against chose to let the democratic process play out by going to the polls and voting. They do not have to be asked to stand up for what is right and just.

There is an old saying: You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time.

I am urging all the citizens of Romulus to keep their eyes on our city. It is important to all of us.

Respectfully,
Jan Lemmon
Romulus

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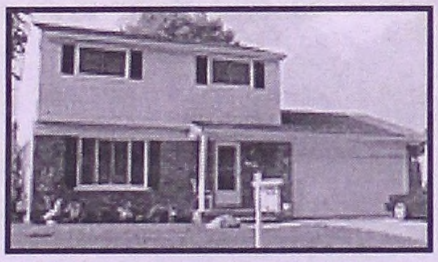

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Guest Commentary

Annual Crop Walk Set for October 5

By Philip Gordon Ives

No doubt you've heard the dubious quotation, "God helps those who help themselves." Are you aware that no such words appear in Scripture? However, Christians are *commanded* to help the indigent and the oppressed, to help "set the captives free."

Whether that need is for sustenance to help satisfy hunger, or to hunger for a purpose greater than our own, helping our fellow man remains, to this day, a *universal need.*

Do you know that American independence and generosity rivals that of the world's? USA, Church World Service provides needed help to children and families throughout *our community*, our nation, and the world. In response, the Michigan branch of Church World Service has been the leading "Crop Walk" fund-raising region in America for the past 17 years.

A cooperative Christian effort, the annual Romulus/Belleville Crop Walk – a growing success story – is that shining example of brotherhood and benevolence that has kept our United States "One nation, under God and indivisible." This charitable event is spearheaded by local people who are willing to help other people in need.

On October 17, 1969, a thousand people in Bismark, North Dakota, walked in the first-ever Crop Walk and raised $25,000 to help feed the hungry and provide shelter and needed community services. Several other Crop Walks occurred soon thereafter, and before long there were hundreds of Crop Walks each year in communities nationwide. Each year, some 2,000 Christian communities across the United States sponsor Crop Walks. The key is people working together for a common cause.

The annual Crop Walk for our area will take place on Sunday, October 5, at 1:15 p.m. Participants will walk from Community United Methodist Church (Romulus) to Trinity Episcopal Church (Belleville) – a distance of approximately 6.2 miles.

This year, 11 local churches will cooperatively sponsor Belleville's Crop Walk 2003. Participating churches are: Belleville Christian Community Church, Belleville Church of God, Belleville Presbyterian Church, Church of God Mountain Assembly of Belleville, Community United Methodist Church of Romulus, Faith United Methodist Church of Belleville, First United Methodist Church of Belleville, Mt. Hermon Baptist Church of Belleville, St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church of Romulus, St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church of Belleville, and Trinity Episcopal Church of Belleville.

For more information on how you, as an individual, or your church can become involved, call Trinity Episcopal Church of Belleville (734-699-3361). *Church membership is not a requirement for participation.*

Thank you for helping to make a difference in the lives of those who need your support. The Christian spirit of New England's colonists lives on in the heart of our American tradition and willingness to help those who are unable to help themselves. ❑

New Student Teachers at Halecreek

Western Michigan University students completing their student-teaching requirements at Halecreek Elementary this fall include (from left) Kate Hudson, Andrea McDonald, Stephanie Butterfield, Brad Sandberg, and Kristin Stevenson.

RHS Varsity Sports

(From left) Romulus High School's cross-country coach, Ken Beasley, helped team members Michael Hudson, Darnell Anderson, Darryl Vesey, Courtney Davis, Adrian Simmons, Jeremiah Yeager, Josh Zirkle, and David Rogala prepare for a meet against Taylor Kennedy. Yeager (18:03) and Simmons (18:26) hold the season's lowest times to date.

Head coach Paul Niedermeyer (left) and assistant coach Karl Wukie (right) have been working hard with RHS golf team members (from left) Ron Brown, Dean Gilbert, Jeff Hoffman, Lester Hardy, William Williams, Roy Hollis, and Todd Modrzynski. The Eagles are off to a 2–2 start.

Members of the 9–2 Lady Eagles varsity tennis team include: (from left) front – Sabrina Hool, Carla Broom, Lauren Block, Amber Netter, Carissa Drobil, and Sabrina Gomes; middle – Jennifer Hunter, Jazmine Bennett, Katie Hale, and Anica Coate; back – Jessica Dick, Jennifer Dick, Natalie Watt, and Kristen Atchley.

Pumpkin Festival Kicks Off Fall

The seventh annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival, held the weekend of September 19–21, brought residents of all ages together for some good, old-fashioned fun.

Thousands of onlookers came out Friday evening to watch the festival's kickoff event – the fifth annual Parade of Lights, sponsored (for the first time) by the Romulus Rotary Club. The crowd "ooh-ed" and "ahh-ed" as more than 60 brilliantly lit floats and vehicles made their way from City Hall through the downtown area. (See page 12.)

The remainder of the weekend was just as enjoyable, as area residents came out in droves to take in the sights and sounds of the annual street fair and experience its savor. (See page 5.)

There was plenty of friendly competition, too, as people of all ages took part in contests for everything from pumpkin rolling to seed spitting.

Contest winners included:

Pie-eating Contests

Austin Wohlfeil (ages 2 to 5), Mathew Eldridge (ages 6 to 7), James Chapman (ages 8 to 9), Kyle Linderman (ages 10 to 11), Gavin Hulet (ages 13 to 16), and Gayle Mach (adult).

Bubble gum-blowing Contests

Drew Leininger (ages 2 to 4), Krista Wilkowitz (ages 5 to 6), Felicia Nerone (ages 7 to 8), Travis Trout (ages 9 to 10), Donald Williams (age 11), Candice Downing (ages 12 to 13), and Georgette Downing (adult).

Seed-spitting Contests

Cameron Arold (ages 2 to 4), Maranda Moffat (age 5), Kara Yeramian (age 6), Quinn Chapman (age 7), James Chapman (ages 8 to 9), Cassandra Downing (age 10), Kyle Linderman (age 11), Candice Downing (ages 12 to 13), and Georgette Downing (ages 16+).

Pumpkin-rolling Contests

Ashley McGlynn (ages 2 to 4, race #1), Dalton Brown (ages 2 to 4, race #2), Joshua Chapman (ages 2 to 4, race #3), Casondra Duncan (ages 2 to 4, race #4), Dacoda LaPalm (ages 2 to 4, race #5), Brittany McGlynn (ages 5 to 6), Quinn Chapman (age 7, race #1), Timmy Stinhart (age 7, race #2), Tyler Robbins (age 8), James Chapman (age 9, race #1), Tyler Howard (age 9, race #2), Samantha Gagne (age 10, race #1), Katelyn Buyer (age 10, race #2), and Diandre Thomas (ages 11 to 13).

Hay-rolling Contests

Dacoda LaPalm (ages 2 to 4, race #1), Joshua Chapman (ages 2 to 3, race #2), Ashley McGlynn (ages 2 to 4, race #3), Hannah Goward (age 5), Qynn Chapman (age 6), Dishante Butler (age 7, race #1), Tyler Baldridge (age 7, race #2), Jeremy Sharich (age 8), Savannah Moffat (age 9, race #1), Joseph Forbush (age 9, race #2), Katlyn Buyer (age 10), Cherra Ross (age 11), and Diandre Thomas (age 12).

Sack Races

Dan Jansen (ages 2 to 3, race #1), Ashley McGlynn (ages 2 to 3, race #2), Brittany McGlynn (ages 4 to 6), Quinn Chapman (age 6), Jeremy Sharich (ages 7 to 8, race #1), James Chapman (ages 7 to 8, race #2), Savannah Moffat (age 9), Casandra Downing (age 10), Candice Downing (ages 11 to 13), and Devin Berry (miscellaneous race).

Shoe Races

Colton Bokor (ages 2 to 4, race #1), Dan Jansen (ages 2 to 4, race #2), Demaria Jones (ages 2 to 4, race #3), Quinn Chapman (age 6), Megan Hardecki (ages 6 to 7), Derrick Yandura (age 9), Cassandra Downing (age 10), Candice Downing (age 11), and Devin Berry (miscellaneous race). ❑

New coach Rachel Broom has an impressive 14-member JV team: (from left) front – Joy Jendritz, Megan Brooks, Kim Wilson, Bryanna Stewart, Ashley Wright, Desirea Yates, and Marissa Cronk; middle – Jessica James, Leslie Hayes, and Ale'Sandra Smith, Kiara Carter, Melissa Brewington, Kerri Britz, and Sarah Johnson.

Pumpkin Fest 2003

The 7th Annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival – held in the City's downtown area from Friday, September 19, through Sunday, September 21 – was another enormous success.

Teens like (from left) Alex Lipkowski, Justin Taylor, Matt Steffani, Robert Dawson, Ileana Usztics (back), Amanda Kreutzer (front), Ron Kreutzer, and Mickey Kreutzer III enjoyed the many youth-oriented attractions.

Rachel Leonard was one of many children who took part in the kiddie bowling event.

Romulus firefighters Andy Ellis (left) and Dan Perron manned the Fire Safety House exhibit.

Dorothy Staley was one of many crafters offering their wares for sale.

Adrienne Bezeau (right) helped Rylee Raxmussen make elephant ears.

Police Softball Team Honored

State Senator Raymond E. Basham (D–Taylor) welcomed local members of the Michigan Belle Tire Lawmen Police Softball Club as they were recognized on the Senate floor on September 24 for winning the National Law Enforcement Softball Association Championship.

Of the 20 law-enforcement officers on the Belle Tire team, 4 – including Romulus Police Officer Damien Hull – are from Basham's district.

The championship was played at Liberty Park in Sterling Heights the weekend of August 8–10. The Belle Tire Lawmen defeated the New York City team twice to capture the national title.

Teams that participate in this league played all over the country, with the entry fees for the games going to the families of slain officers. ❑

Senator Ray Basham (second from left) honored (from left) Officer Damien Hull (Romulus PD), Lieutenant Scott Affholter (Wyandotte PD), and Detective Aaron Shrewsbury (Taylor PD), winners of the National Law Enforcement Softball Association Championship. (Not pictured: Officer Scott Czopek, Southgate PD.)

Council Votes on PDA, Dingell Bill

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"The point I'm making is that it appears we're picking and choosing.... I'm not saying that we should endorse this bill (2793), but I think we should take a neutral stand."

Councilwoman Romak did not agree that the resolution should be rescinded.

"That correspondence that was sent to Dingell was to ask him to put that introduction on hold ... We're just asking him not to take any further action on it," she stated. "... I think just asking him to put it on hold is basically no problem until after the people have had an opportunity to vote on how they feel. It could lay in committee for two years."

"That's possible," Wadsworth replied, "but the Dingell people tell me that, once this legislation is pulled back, it's a dead issue as far as we're concerned in our city."

Wadsworth's motion passed by a 4–3 margin, with Councilmen Randy Gear, Bill Crova, and Mike Prybyla voting in favor, and Councilmen Romak, LeRoy Burcroff, and Charles Miller voting against.

Some Sincere Thanks

One subject on which there was complete agreement was the outstanding success of this year's Parade of Lights and Pumpkin Festival.

Mayor Alan R. Lambert, Councilman Burcroff, and other City Council members gave special thanks to those who made the events possible, especially the Department of Public Works employees whose behind-the-scenes efforts often go unrecognized.

Councilman Wadsworth expressed his gratitude to everyone who worked on the 50/50 bingo benefit that raised approximately $1,800 toward the construction of a new Romulus Animal Shelter. Among those garnering special mention from Wadsworth were:

- Joe Ozog, who ran the event with the same expertise he's used to conduct the St. Aloysius Festival's bingo program for many years;
- Joel R. Carr, Carole Bales, Don Morris, and the people at St. Aloysius, who managed to locate about 35 tables for the event at the last minute; and
- Mary Ann Ryznar, who tirelessly worked the bingo games from open to close Friday through Sunday.

Study Session on Possible Gaming Referendum

The Romulus City Council will consider ballot language for a possible referendum on racetrack and/or casino gambling during a study session to be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall (11111 Wayne Road at Goddard) at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 6.

The meeting will be open to the public. ❑

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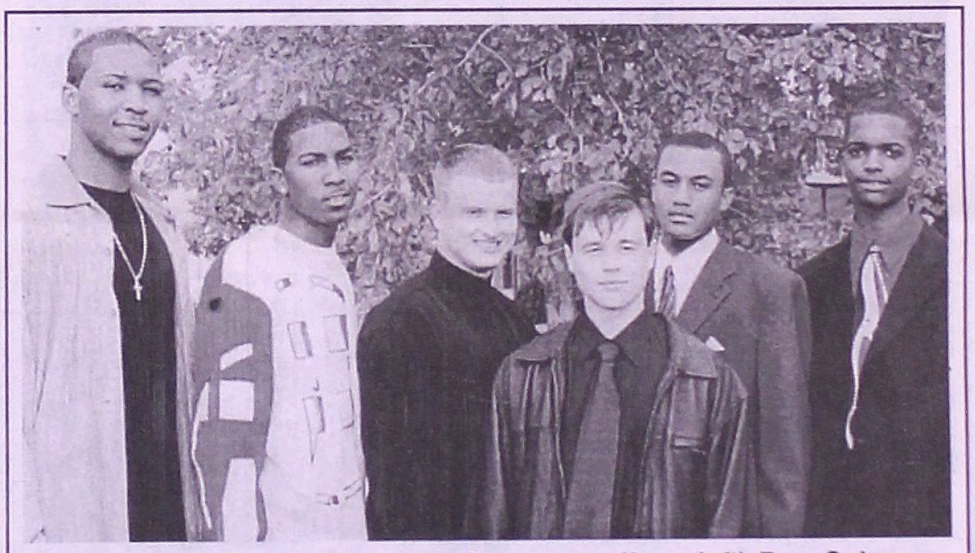
RHS Homecoming '03

Board of Education vice-president Cheryle Buckley (second from right) and trustees (from left) Ken Mientkiewicz, Celeste Roscoe, and Niema White came out to help cheer the Eagles to a 51–14 Homecoming victory.

Court members Ron Coleman and Shaepree Lee – soon to be crowned King and Queen during the Homecoming game's halftime ceremony – were all smiles.

Ladies elected to the 2003 Homecoming Court were (from left) Cilia Sanchez, Toni Gibson, Stephanie Gurner, Rebecca Thornton, Lynsie Ransaw, LaJoya Orr, and Shaepree Lee.



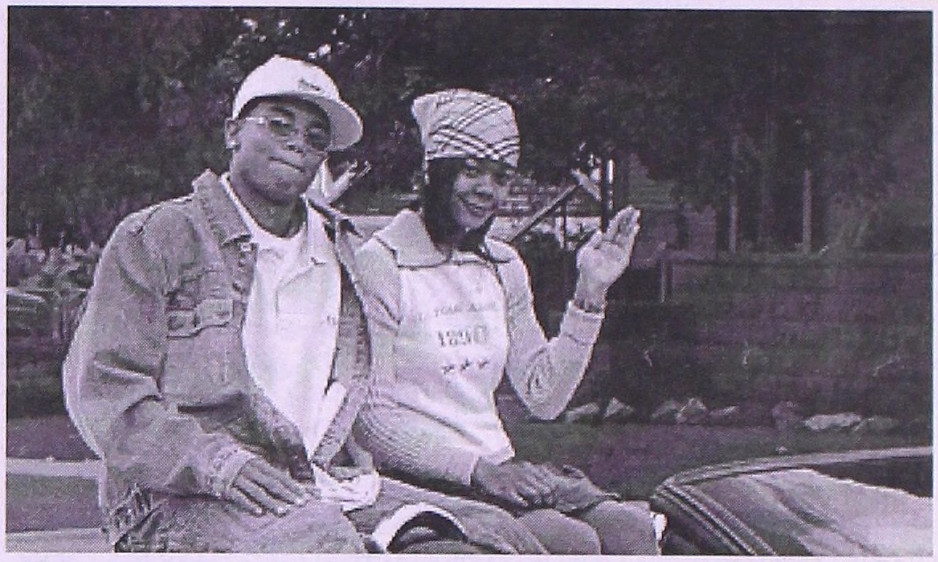
Gentlemen on the Homecoming Court were (from left) Ron Coleman, James Davis, Terry Harper, Joseph Goroni, Henry Wiggins, and Darnell Anderson.

Ready to spread the Homecoming spirit were Romulus High School's cheerleaders: (from left) front – Megan Bearman, Ebony Coleman, and Novella Haugabook; middle – Jessica Shelton, Brytni White, Sarah Ward, Lisa Johnson, Sarah Berger, and Kevanna Smith; back – Cecily Ricer.

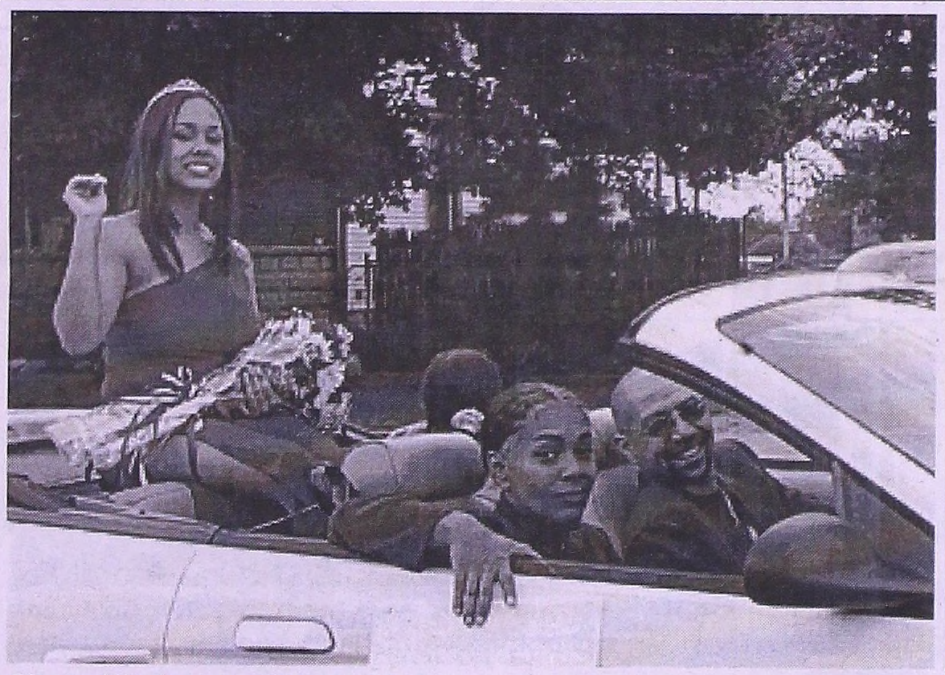
Also on hand to stir up the crowd for the Homecoming game against Crestwood High School were Romulus Middle School's cheerleaders: (from left) Kiara Sandefur, Tiara Grandison, Valencia Mathews, Britney Perry, and Carmen Collie.

RHS Homecoming '03

Freshmen Princess and Prince were Aleshia Wyatt and Joe Lewis.



Junior Prince and Princess were Aaron McCarthy and Paris Hawkins.



Megan Whalen was Princess of the Sophomore Class.

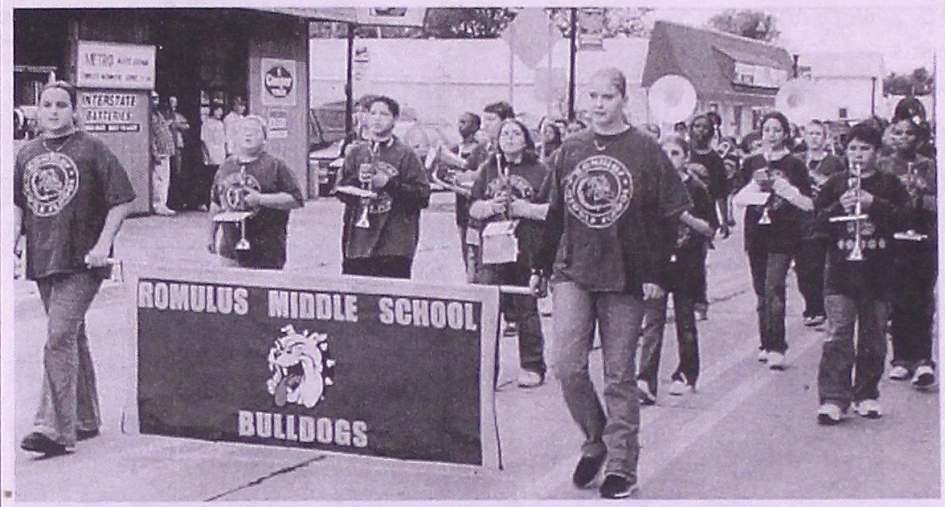
Della Hamby, RHS Homecoming Queen for 2002, also took part.

Many juniors displayed their school spirit in a colorful way.

The "super sophomores" were also out in force.

RHS Homecoming '03

The 60-piece Romulus High School Marching Eagles showed their stuff in the parade and during the halftime show.



Also performing in the parade was the Romulus Middle School Marching Band.

In keeping with Homecoming's "Comics" theme, the freshmen float featured Spiderman.

The sophomores' Captain America entry was the winner of this year's float competition.

The junior float featured Charlie Brown trying, yet again, to kick a football – and Lucy succeeding, yet again, in foiling his attempt.

The senior float depicted "The Hulk" crushing Homecoming opponent Crestwood High School.

RHS Homecoming '03

The Barth Bears had a good parade turnout.

The Halecreek Hawks were a spirited bunch.

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Romulus Elementary's Jaguars were a roaring success.

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EMU Hosts "Romulus Day"

EMU's Chris Talley – an RHS Class of 2001 alumnus – got significant playing time in the Romulus Day game against Maryland.

Eastern Michigan University's largest home crowd since 1995 greeted the school's football team for its September 27 game against the University of Maryland. Of the 19,600 fans who came out to see an exciting Division 1A game and hear a spectacular Band Night halftime show, many were local residents attending EMU's 3rd Annual Romulus Day celebration.

All three Romulus High School Class of 2001 alumni on the EMU football team saw extensive action during the game. Wide receiver Chris Talley, linebacker John Wester, and defensive back Michael Woods each made big plays for the EMU Eagles.

Former RHS football coach Mark Woodson – now the wide receivers coach for EMU – was another familiar face at the game.

In honor of Romulus Day, Romulus Middle School band students and their parents received free tickets to the game. They especially enjoyed the opportunity to hear the 18 Michigan high-school bands that performed during halftime, as well as EMU's band. EMU Marching Band arranger Scott Boerma put together an outstanding program that went from Wagner to The Beatles.

Doug Koths, Eastern's assistant athletic director, was on hand to welcome Romulus Community Schools Board of Education trustees Kenneth Mientkiewicz and Niema White to the game. The public address announcer introduced the two at mid-field and also welcomed Romulus fans during pre-game ceremonies. ❑

EMU assistant athletic director Doug Koths (left) welcomed Romulus Community Schools Board of Education trustees Niema White and Kenneth Mientkiewicz to the 3rd Annual Romulus Day celebration.

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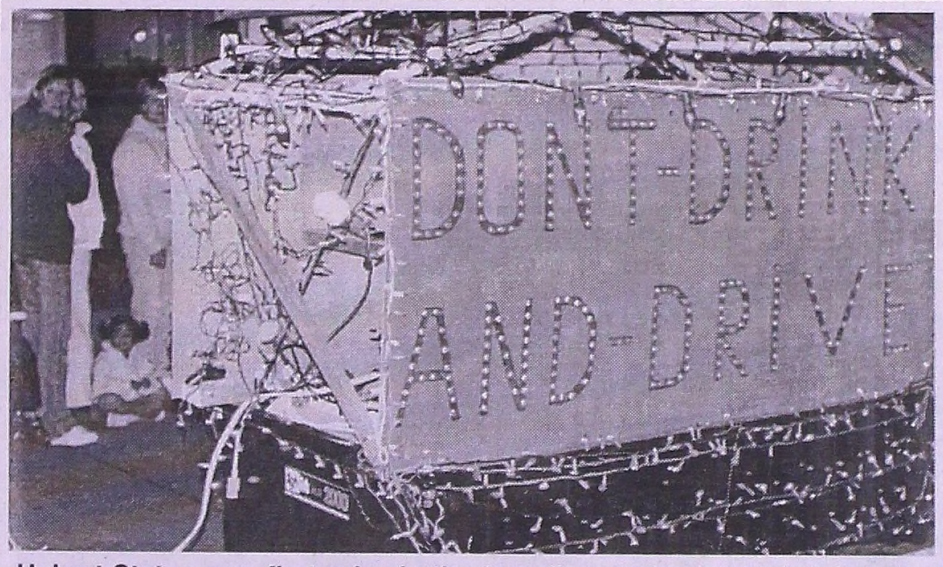
Parade of Lights

The 5th Annual Parade of Lights, sponsored by the Romulus Rotary Club, was a brilliant spectacle featuring entries like this one by Janice Thomas.

Jerry Norman, husband of Romulus Senior Center program director Linda Norman, drove the Center's colorful float.



Hubert Staten won first prize in the "small motorized vehicle" division with this entry.

The school district's '70s-theme bus took first place in the parade's "large motorized vehicle" division.

Romulus Rotary Club member Ron Hopson (fifth from left) presented members of the Romulus Community Schools Transportation Department with a plaque for winning the "large motorized vehicle" competition: (from left) John Hadyniak, Kim Wells, Carol Casmer, Nancy Daniels, Betty Cantrell, Mary Mahon, Evelyn Koerber (holding a congratulatory resolution from the Board of Education), Linda Madej, Lisa Hollis, and Pat Malloy.

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Community Calendar

- **Fish Dinner at St. Paul's Church** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) is inviting everyone to stop in for a delicious fish dinner (baked or fried cod, fries, macaroni & cheese, vegetable, cole slaw, roll, dessert, and beverage) on Friday, October 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. (Carry-out also available.) Cost is just $7 for a two-piece dinner, or $8 for a three-piece meal. For more information, call the Church at 734-753-9048.
- **Applefest Events at St. Paul's** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) is inviting the public to take part in the following events, to be held during the weekend of the annual Huron Township Applefest: ***Bazaar/Bake Sale*** – Saturday, October 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; ***Craft Show*** – Saturday, October 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, October 5, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and ***Chicken Dinner*** – Sunday, October 5, from noon until sold out. Call 734-753-9048 for information.
- **Freedom Fund Awards/Scholarship Dinner** – The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will host its annual "Freedom Fund Awards/Scholarship Dinner" at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (8000 Merriman Road, Romulus) on Saturday, October 11. Theme for the event: "Having Our Say, 100 Years Later." A 4:30 p.m. reception will be followed by dinner served promptly at 5:30 p.m. Keynote speaker will be Hilary O. Shelton, director of the NAACP's Washington, D.C. Bureau. Mistress of Ceremonies will be Cathy Garrett, Wayne County Clerk. For tickets, call co-chairs Iva L. Meeks (313-274-2849) or Eugene Thompson (313-563-8682), or contact Lucille I. Flint, president (734-941-4189).
- **Benefit for the Family of Douglas Atherton** – A Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale to benefit the family of the late Douglas Atherton, a leukemia victim, will be held at the Taylor Moose Lodge (9981 Telegraph) on Sunday, October 12, from 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets are $7 for adults; $3 for kids under 12.
- **Romulus Democratic Club** – The Romulus Democratic Club meets at the UAW Hall/Local #174 (29841 Van Born Road) on the third Thursday of every month (next meeting: October 16) at 7 p.m. For more information, please call (734-941-3513) or page (734-360-2232) Jack H. Trumble, Club President.
- **Teen Pregnancy Prevention Group Meets** – The next meeting of the Romulus Teen Pregnancy Prevention Partnership (RTP3) will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22, in Room 507 at Romulus High School (9650 South Wayne Road). All meetings are open to the public.
- **Simply Elegant** – Join the Livonia Symphony for "Simply Elegant" – an evening of fine dining, fantastic music, and a silent auction – on Friday, November 21, at Laurel Manor (39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia). Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the auction at 7 p.m. and a concert at 8 p.m. Tickets ($50 per person) must be reserved in advance. Send orders/checks (made payable to The Livonia Symphony) to: The Livonia Symphony, c/o 35478 Brookview, Livonia, Michigan 48152.
- **Christian Youth Group Meets** – The Youth Group at St. Aloysius Catholic Church meets at least twice monthly to socialize, have fun, and explore/build members' relationship with God and one another. For more information about the group, which is open to all area teens in grades eight and up, call Julie Wadsworth at 734-941-3340 any weekday between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., or e-mail her at juliewads@yahoo.com.
- **Romulus Church of God Announces Service Times** – Romulus Church of God (located at 8770 South Wayne Road) invites the public to attend their weekly services (Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesdays at 7 p.m.) as well as their children's programs: Kids for Christ (Sundays at 10:30 a.m.) and Kids Praise (Saturdays from 12 to 2 p.m.). For more information, please call 734-729-7243.
- **Women's Chorus Seeks New Members** – County Connection Chorus, a women's *a capella* group affiliated with Sweet Adelines, meets each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at UAW Local #898 (8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti). Women interested in receiving free vocal lessons are encouraged at attend. The chorus specializes in four-part barbershop harmony with a repertoire that includes Broadway classics, pop, gospel, and barbershop standards. For further information, visit www.sweetadelines.org or call 734-480-8843.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174–0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, senior citizens program coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, please call 734-955-4120.)

Welcome, Ursula!

If you haven't already done so, Romulus Senior Center program director Linda Norman invites you to stop in to meet her new assistant, Ursula Wester.

"I think you will find Ursula to be bright, eager, warm, compassionate, and friendly – just as I have," said Norman.

Annual Registration for Commodities

Commodities recipients who have not yet completed their annual registration should do so right away in order to avoid being removed from the list in November.

For your convenience, the Center is accepting registrations every weekday during regular business hours except on distribution day itself (the third Thursday of the month).

Exercise Classes

Exercise classes will be held at the Senior Center each Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. beginning this month. Stop in at or call the Center to place your name on the sign-up sheet.

Note: The Romulus Senior Center *strongly* recommends that seniors consult a physician before beginning any new exercise program.

Walk to Help Save Lives

The American Cancer Society's annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk is a fun way to raise money for vital research, education, patient support, and more. To join the "Romulus Pride" for this event – which will be held at Belle Isle on Saturday, October 11, beginning with an 8:30 a.m. registration – just sign up at the Senior Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman.

- ***Motor City Casino*** (October 11; $12);
- ***Autumn in Mid Michigan*** (October 14; $65);
- ***MGM Casino*** (October 26; $20);
- ***Halloween Mystery*** (October 29; $52);
- ***Southwestern Tour*** (November 1–17; $999);
- ***Soaring Eagle Casino*** (November 15; $26);
- ***Vienna Boys Choir*** (November 29; $79);
- ***Turkeyville Dinner Theater*** (December 2; $59); and
- ***Little River Casino*** (December 31–January 1; $169).

Note: Deposits – due at the time of sign-up – reserve your seat. For day trips, full payment is due at least two weeks before departure. For overnight trips, full payment is due a minimum of 30 days before departure.

Regular Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens. They include:

- ceramics (Mondays, 1 p.m.),
- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- Senior Social Club (second Tuesday of each month, 2 p.m.)
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.).

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, October 20, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable ($5) program, call the Center to make an appointment.

Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointments, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

TeleCare Program Available

The Romulus Senior Center's TeleCare program provides seniors with daily phone reassurance at no cost. To learn more, call the Center's friendly staff.

Hot Lunches

Just a reminder that the Center serves a hot lunch each weekday for only $1.75. Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation.

Some Handy Phone Numbers

Don't know who to call for help? Stop in at the Romulus Senior Center, where you can pick up a "Helping Services" list chock full of telephone numbers for AARP, Legal Aid, adult day care, transportation services, and much more.

Don't have time to stop by? Call and ask to be put on the Center's mailing list for the monthly "Communicator" newsletter. It's absolutely free, and it frequently contains the "Helping Services" list, plus information about a variety of local programs, too. ❑

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REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 8, 2003

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, September 8, 2003, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice-president Cheryle Buckley.

Roll call showed Board members Buckley, April Frayer, Michael Woods, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, and Niema White present. Board member Betty Lenossi was excused. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-president Buckley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

9/03/1 Moved by Roscoe supported by Mientkiewicz to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

9/03/2 Moved by White supported by Frayer that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2003, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

There were no personnel actions.

Bills for Payment

9/03/3 Moved by Frayer supported by White that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Maintenance Agreement – Telephone System

9/03/4 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by White that the Board of Education accept Sun-Tel Services, the low bidder, for a one-year telephone system maintenance agreement. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Reading First Grant Presentation

Ms. Betsy MacLeod, State of Michigan, and Romulus's Reading First Grant Literacy Coaches, Mesdames Lisa Zeleji, Barbara Jaszcz, Josephine Chasney, and Candy Walters, presented the goals and objectives of the Reading First Grant for the elementary schools.

Field Trip – Middle School

9/03/5 Moved by Roscoe supported by White that the Board of Education approve the trip to Gettysburg and Washington, D.C. for 8th-grade American History students at the Middle School as proposed by Mr. Dan McCabe and recommended by the administrative strand leader. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Communication – Senator Raymond Basham; 2) Thank You – Toni Brothers; 3) Halecreek Elementary Newsletter; 4) Athletic Packets; and 5) Governor's Education Summit.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Niema White thanked Halecreek for the newsletter. Mrs. Celeste Roscoe asked if the Board would be participating in the Pumpkin Festival. Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, stated that the bus drivers were decorating a bus for participation in the parade. Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz inquired about the football field and when it would be ready, and was informed that it would be ready by September 26. Mrs. April Frayer asked if debt fund monies were given back to taxpayers, and was informed that all bond monies go against debt. Mrs. White commented on the cafeteria food being very good. Mrs. Cheryle Buckley asked about reteachers in elementary schools Mr. Tom Dolan, Curriculum Director, informed her that the district had requested the State to transfer Title II monies to Title I to support after-school tutoring, and was awaiting approval from the State. Mr. Michael Woods stressed the importance of both students' and parents' involvement to be successful on our MEAP scores. Mrs. Buckley asked if the MEAP results were back, and was advised by Mr. Dolan that confirmed results would not be available until 5 or 6 more weeks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

9/03/6 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe that the Board of Education convene into Executive Session for the purposes of negotiations. Roll call vote: White, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, Woods, Frayer, and Buckley. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened into Executive Session at 6:56 p.m.

9/03/7 Moved by Frayer supported by Roscoe to reconvene into regular session. Roll call vote: White, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, Woods, Frayer, and Buckley. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 7:11 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

9/03/8 Moved by Roscoe supported by White to adjourn. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Frayer, Secretary
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Owen was born in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (Ann Arbor, MI) at 3:52 a.m. on Friday, August 29, 2003, weighing in at 8 lbs., 11 oz., and measuring 21½".

Especially excited about the new arrival were his big brothers, Bailey (age 6) and Noah (age 4).

Also giving Owen a warm welcome into his new family were his paternal grandmother, Diana Bean, and his maternal grandmother, Cathy Jones (both of Romulus, MI). ❑

Obituaries

Francisca D. Rodriguez

Francisca D. Rodriguez of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Friday, September 5, 2003, at the age of 78.

Francisca – born in Mercedes, Texas, on October 4, 1924 – will always be remembered as a loving and giving person. The former member of United Auto Workers Local #600 went to work at the Ford Motor Company's River Rouge Plant in 1942, at the age of 18, and worked there for 12 years before becoming a housewife and caring for her 6 children: Joe Robert, Marie Gloria, Frank, Linda, John, and Steve. She had many friends across the United States and Canada.

Francisca was an expert coupon clipper, listened to all kinds of music, and enjoyed attending "car cruise" events like the one held at Romulus's Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers each Thursday night this summer, which featured classic cars and a DJ playing the "oldies" that she loved so much.

Her husband of 33 years, Juan, predeceased Francisca in 1977, which left her a single mom at the age of 52 with 2 sons under the age of 18. Her parents, Daniel and Helena Saenz, also preceded her in death.

A funeral service was held on Monday, September 8, at Weise Funeral Home (Allen Park, MI), with Pastor John Losen officiating.

Burial was at Our Lady of Hope (Brownstown Township, MI). ❑

Randy L. White

Randy L. White of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, September 20, 2003, at the age of 54.

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Randy – born in Detroit, Michigan, on Wednesday, September 7, 1949 – honorably served his country in the U.S Army during the Vietnam Conflict. His interests included a love of fishing.

Surviving Randy are his 4 children, Randy, Leamon, David, and Brian White; his stepfather, Floyd Collins; 4 brothers, Douglas White (White Lake, MI), Leamon White (Romulus, MI), Jon White (Detroit), and Floyd "Bill" Collins (San Diego, CA); and 2 sisters, Sherry Mandell (Lake Orion, MI) and Dawn Marie Collins-Gierak (White Lake).

A funeral service was held Wednesday, September 24, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with the Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). ❑

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